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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIA ADDED TO KREISKY'S ITINERARY FOR SI
FACT-FINDING MISSION TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS BEEN ADDED TO ITINERARY FOR KREISKY'S THIRD FACT-FINDING MISSION FOR SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI) TO MIDDLE EAST. KREISKY BEGAN MISSION MARCH 15 AFTER ATTENDING SPECIAL RALLY IN PORTUGAL WITH OTHER EUROPEAN SOCIALIST LEADERS MARCH 13.

2. COMMENT: SI OFFICIALS HERE WERE UNAWARE OF ADDITION
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TO ITINERARY AS LATE AS MARCH 11 EVEN THOUGH PRESS HAD

SPECULATED ABOUT POSSIBLE VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA.
SAUDIS SEEM THUS TO HAVE OVERCOME THEIR RELUCTANCE TO
RECEIVE KREISKY IN HIS SI ROLE. THAT SAUDIS WILL RECEIVE
KREISKY IS FURTHER INDICATION OF CHANCELLOR'S ABILITY TO
PROJECT HIMSELF AND AUSTRIA AS ACCEPTABLE INTERLOCUTORS
WITH ARABS IN SPITE OF FORMER CLOSE RELATIONS WITH
ISRAEL AND CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE
AS STATE. IN THIS RESPECT, KREISKY WILL SURELY INTERPRET
VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA AS SIGNIFICANT MEASURE OF SUCCESS
OF HIS MISSIONS ON BEHALF OF SI. BUCHANAN

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